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See highlighted item on Rialto. I assume this is a water earmark.

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#### **MEDIA**

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**Press releases issued** amplifying HQ announcement of Safer Choice Partner of the Year winners (Contact: Michele Huitric)

- <u>U.S. EPA Recognizes Three Bay Area Companies as 2016 Safer Choice Partner of the</u> Year Award Winners
- U.S. EPA Recognizes Los Angeles Firm as a 2016 Safer Choice Partner of the Year Award Winner

**IIAR Magazine:** Freelance reporter Wendy Long is writing an article about International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration (IIAR) standards and would like to speak to someone on the record about the benefits of these standards. Working with program on response. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

**CBS 5 KPIX-TV**: Reporter Leslie Donaldson is asking for information on sample sites in Alameda and Sacramento Counties for the October 2015 UCMR3 Data Summary report. Sent the request to HQ. WATER (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

**CBS 5 KPIX-TV**: Reporter Julie Watts asked to speak on background with someone from EPA who has expertise in the area of flame retardants in consumer goods (specifically children's products, if possible). HQ sent reporter background information via email. (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

**The Stockton Record:** Reporter Alex Breitler is interested in any updates regarding the McCormick and Baxter Superfund Site, since this year is the 25th anniversary of the closure of the old plant. He would also like to arrange a site visit if possible. Checking with program. OPEN. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

San Gabriel Valley Water Association Newsletter: Writer Monica Valencia is writing an educational story on the progress at the Superfund sites overseen by the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA). She sent written questions. Checking with program. OPEN. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

**San Luis Obispo News Times:** Reporter Camillia Lanham has questions on April 19<sup>th</sup> letter from Region 9 to DOGGR. Coordinating with program: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) WTR

**CQ Roll Call:** Reporter Elvina Nawaguna has follow up questions on timing regarding Navajo AUMs and funding, coordinating with program: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) SF

**Hawaii Public Radio** – Reporter Russell Subiono had questions about the dredging in Pearl Harbor by the Navy which is going to be part of a ROD signed in 2019. Working with John Chesnutt in Superfund to provide what EPA's role will be leading up to the ROD signing, any role in the dredging/cleanup and expectations for the work. OPEN, SUPERFUND, Dean Higuchi

# **WEB**

#### Social Media:

**Safer Choice Awards** – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page congratulations to Clorox Co., the Ashkin Group, Levi Strauss Co., and Albertsons/Safeway for winning <u>Safer Choice Awards</u>.

### Web Updates:

**Arizona Air Actions** – Posted a link to the Federal Register notice for the Final Partial Approval and Disapproval of Infrastructure SIP Submittals to the Arizona SIP Air Actions page.

**Red Hill Fuel Storage** – Posted updated information and added new documents to the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage website.

## **CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

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CA State Senator Fran Pavley (D-27<sup>th</sup>): Brent Maier reached out to California State Senator Fran Pavley's scheduler, Michelle Dilley, and offered a call with Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss for Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm – 4:15pm to discuss and receive an update on the UIC Program. Water Division's Tomas Torres, Mike Montgomery and David Albright will be briefing Alexis in advance of the call. Call has been confirmed with Sen. Pavley's scheduler, Ms. Michelle Dilley on offered time. A pre-brief for Alexis has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.

**Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV-2):** Brent Maier has confirmed a meeting with Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss and Congressman Mark Amodei for Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am. Brent will provide the Congressman's scheduler, Rachel Provost, with a complete list of all expected meeting attendees in advance of June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is likely that Congressman Amodei would like an update on the Anaconda/Yerington Mine Site and perhaps Eureka Smelters. Brent also asked Ms. Provost to let us know if there are other topics of interest so that we can be sure to be prepared to discuss any other issues of interest. A pre-brief for Alexis has been scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> with Superfund Managers for 2:00pm.

**Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA-31) and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA):** Brent Maier has extended a calendar invite to participate in a conference call on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the status of a FY2010 earmark grant to the City of Rialto and to discuss with their offices that to date, we have not received an approvable workplan and we wish to discuss with their offices before we send a letter to the City of Rialto. Awaiting word back from their offices as to their availability for a call.

Congressional Outreach on Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awardees: Brent Maier shared today's press releases for Northern and Southern California with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Xavier Becerra and Bay Area and Northern California Members regarding EPA presenting the Ashkin Group, Levi Strauss & Co., Albertsons Companies (including their Northern California Safeway stores), and Clorox with Safer Choice Partner of the Year awards.

Congressional Outreach on Proposed Rulemaking on San Joaquin Valley Revised Transportation Conformity Budgets: Brent Maier shared an Air Division notification with Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and SJV Members of Congress regarding Acting U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Deborah Jordan signed a Federal Register notice on May 9, 2016 proposing to approve revised transportation conformity budgets ("budgets") for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard and 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard.

### **Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Intergovernmental Meetings:**

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 - EPA to Meet with Hesperia, CA Local Officials: On Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Water and Region IX (by telephone) will join OIR for a meeting with Mayor Bill Holland and Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Russ to hear an update on progress with the Sub-regional wastewater treatment facility. The local officials also would like to discuss the option of reclaiming and recycling water. When Hesperia local officials met in 2014 with EPA, they noted that the construction of a subregional facility, located in their city, would all the use of treated wastewater for potable uses. The city financed the design of the facility as a member agency of the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation (VVWRA) Facility that is located approximately 1.5 miles from Hesperia. The new facility will provide recycled water for irrigation in new and existing developments. It has been recognized as a project of regional significance by conserving potable resources and reducing long-term dependence on fresh water as the sole source of irrigation. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon

Thursday, May 12, 2016 – EPA to Meet with City of Santa Maria, CA Local Officials: On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Water, and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance along with Regioon IX (by telephone) will meet with Mayor Alice Patino; City Manager Rick Haydon; and Assistant City Manager Jason Stilwell. They will discuss the City's

Integrated Water Plan. The city received an EPA technical assistant grant not long ago. They will update on the progress and raise any pertinent concerns or need for additional guidance.

Thursday, May 12, 2016 – House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management will hold hearing to look for ways to reduce costs without impacting the quality of response. Federal disaster spending has been steadily rising over the past few decades. Between 1980 and 2011, North America suffered roughly \$1.06 trillion in total losses, including \$510 billion in insured losses. The committee will also consider how climate change, increased population density and growth, and changes to federal disaster relief programs have contributed to those rising costs. Witnesses: Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.); Joseph Nimmich, deputy administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Bryan Koon, director, Florida Division of Emergency Management; Kevin Mickey, chairman, Multihazard Mitigation Council, National Institute of Building Sciences; Sallie Clark, commissioner, El Paso County, Colo.; and Eric Nelson, vice president for catastrophe strategy and analysis, Travelers Cos. Inc. 10:00am ET in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building.

http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=400195

Friday, May 13, 2016 – House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: The Subcommittee on Government Operations and Subcommittee on National Security will hold a hearing entitled, "Incorporating Social Media into Federal Background Investigations". The panel's subcommittees will look into efforts by the Office of Personnel Management to scrutinize the blogs and other posts of potential employees. For its part, OPM has begun to investigate whether to include a sweep of social media in federal employee background checks. The agency issued a request for information last month that asked private companies whether they could perform automated searches of "publicly available electronic information," including social media sites and blogs. 9:00am ET. 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/incorporating-social-media-federal-background-investigations/